

proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the end, add the following:

SEC. 4. COVID-19 HATE CRIME STUDY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than the earlier of 1 year after the date on enactment of this Act or 180 days after the date on which the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention determines that COVID-19 mitigation measures are no longer necessary, the Attorney General, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services, shall conduct a study on whether there is a correlation between—

(1) the frequency of COVID-19 hate crimes; and

(2) the existence of more restrictive COVID-19 mitigation measures.

(b) POPULATION ADJUSTMENT.—In conducting the study required under subsection (a), the Attorney General shall adjust data based on the population of a particular area, as appropriate.

SA 1437. Mr. KENNEDY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. 4. PROHIBITING DISCRIMINATION IN ADMISSION TO POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.

Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) is amended—

(1) by inserting “(a)” before “No person”; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

“(b) ADMISSION TO POSTSECONDARY INSTITUTIONS.—It shall be unlawful for an employee of a postsecondary institution referred to in section 606(2)(A) and receiving Federal financial assistance, to use, or refer an applicant to, an informal or formal quota system based on race, ethnicity, color, or national origin, during any step of the admissions process, to determine whether the applicant involved shall be admitted to the institution.”.

SA 1438. Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REQUIREMENT TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENCE OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ASIAN AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE APPLICANTS.

Not later than 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall designate an officer or employee of the Department of Justice whose sole responsibility shall be to investigate selective high schools and institutions of higher education in the United States accused of discriminating against Asian American applicants.

SA 1439. Mr. MARSHALL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . REQUIREMENT TO DISSEMINATE SECOND AMENDMENT INFORMATION TO THE ASIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

Not later than 1 day after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall designate an officer or employee of the Department of Justice whose sole responsibility shall be to disseminate information to Asian Americans in the United States regarding—

(1) rights provided under the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

(2) legal protections for individuals who defend themselves against acts of violence.

SA 1440. Mr. PAUL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 937, to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike all after the enacting clause and insert the following:

SECTION 1. REPORT ON DISCRIMINATION BY RECIPIENTS OF COVID-19 RELIEF BENEFITS BASED ON ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED COVID-19 STATUS.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that—

(1) all forms of hatred against all people and the rise in violence in the wake of COVID-19 be condemned; and

(2) physical and verbal attacks against Asian American and Pacific Islander persons, such as those resulting in the killing an 84-year old Thai immigrant in San Francisco, California, the setting on fire of an 89-year old Chinese woman in Brooklyn, New York, and the slashing of a 61-year old Filipino American's face with a box cutter while in the New York Subway, are reprehensible, contrary to American values as well as the sanctity of human life, and must be stopped.

(b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “COVID-19 relief benefits”—

(A) means any benefit from the Federal Government relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

(B) includes any grant, funds, loan, loan guarantee, bankruptcy relief, mortgage, rent, or eviction relief, or other benefit received under the American Rescue Plan (Public Law 117-2), the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260), the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (Public Law 116-139; 134 Stat. 620), the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136; 134 Stat. 281), the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (Public Law 116-127; 134 Stat. 178), the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020 (Public Law 116-123; 134 Stat. 146), or an amendment made by any such Act; and

(2) the term “crime of violence” has the meaning given that term in section 16 of title 18, United States Code.

(c) REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit to Congress a report that studies—

(1) crimes of violence motivated by the actual or perceived relationship of any individual to the spread of COVID-19 for any reason, including appearance, mask wearing, or vaccination status; and

(2) the extent to which businesses that received COVID-19 relief benefits discriminated against individuals who are perceived to have spread COVID-19, which shall specifically detail the extent to which businesses that received COVID-19 relief benefits, or agents thereof, denied goods, services, or

travel, or committed a crime of violence, because of the actual or perceived relationship of any individual to the spread of COVID-19 for any reason, including appearance, mask wearing, or vaccination status.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Ms. STABENOW. Mr. President, I have 10 requests for committees to meet during today's session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today's session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

The Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

The Committee on Environment and Public Works is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 9:45 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Committee on Indian Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing on a nomination.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 10 a.m., to conduct an open hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at 1 p.m., to conduct an open hearing.